

REMARKS

Claims 8, 10, 11, 14, and 16-19 are pending in the application. Formal replacement drawings are enclosed to replace the informal drawings filed with the application. Approval of the replacement drawings is respectfully requested.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner withdrew claim 24 for being directed to a non-elected invention. The Applicants have canceled claim 24.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 15-19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Instead of rewriting claim 15, the Applicants have taken the limitations of claim 15 and intervening claim 13, and added them to base claim 8. Claims 13 and 15 have accordingly been canceled. Therefore, the allowance of amended claim 8 is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-19 depend from amended base claim 8, therefore the allowance of claims 16-19 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

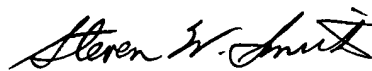
The Examiner rejected claims 8, 10, 11, 13, and 14 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Crooks et al. in view of Liu et al. and Eide. Claim 13 has been canceled. As noted above, the Applicants have taken the allowable limitations of claims 13 and 15, and added them to base claim 8. Thus, amended claim 8 is allowable. Claims 10, 11, and 14 depend from amended claim 8. Therefore, the allowance of claims 8, 10, 11, and 14 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments have placed the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, the allowance of claims 8, 10, 11, 14, and 16-19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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